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Dear Secretary Grumbles,

At the January 20, 2021 inauguration, Joseph R. Biden and Kamala Harris were sworn in as the president and vice-president of the United States. With the change of administrations, I have the honor of serving as the acting regional administrator for EPA Region 3 until a permanent regional administrator is named.

I have asked Paul Leonard, Director of the Superfund and Emergency Management Division, to assume the deputy regional administrator responsibilities. Paul is knowledgeable and already on top of many issues, having him by my side during the transition will be of tremendous assistance.

I hope to build on existing relationships and prepare a solid foundation for the permanent regional administrator when she/he is named and assumes the role. I plan to continue regular meetings so that we can discuss matters impacting your state. I look forward to working with you in this new role and to continuing the dialogue that has occurred between Region 3 and the states in the past.

*On another note, thank you again for participating in Cos's farewell celebration. I appreciated your remarks and if you'd ever like me to introduce you on the Chesapeake Bay Program's PSC meeting with an alliteration of "witty, wise and wonderful", I'd be happy to do so!*

Thank you,  
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